



Effective Day arrives for 173d Brigade

Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick (center), SETAF commander, Col. Charles Prysler (right), 173rd ABCT commander, and Command Sgt. Major Arthur McCann III (left), 173rd ABCT command sergeant major, walk back to the reviewing stands after attaching the new streamers to the 173rd ABCT colors during the official activation of the brigade combat team in Bamberg, Germany Sept. 15.

173d officially activates as Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Story and photos by Sgt. Brandon Aird
173d ABCT Public Affairs

The 173d Airborne Brigade has been undergoing changes to become a six-battalion brigade over the last four months, with all the hard work culminating Sept. 15 – or E-day (effective day), which was the official day the 173d Airborne Brigade stood up as a combat team.

“We’re leaner, meaner and ready to deploy,” said Col. Charles Preysler, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team commander.

Over several months, the brigade has deactivated, reactivated and stood up elements in order to create the combat team. The 173d ABCT is the only separate ABCT in the United States Army.

“The 173d Airborne Brigade is rich in history, honor, determination, heroism and end mission success,” said Maj. Gen. Frank

G. Helmick, SETAF commander.

The 173d ABCT will now be home to the 1st and 2d Battalions, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), 4th Battalion 319th Airborne Field Artillery, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne), 173d Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d ABCT.

The 173d ABCT is currently located in three locations across Europe: Caserma Ederle in Vicenza; Warner Barracks in Bamberg, Germany; and Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany.

The brigade combat team’s focus for the next year involves filling its ranks with new paratroopers, acquiring new equipment, and training to standards set by Preysler to ensure every paratrooper is ready for future combat operations or contingency missions.

The purpose of the activation is to

formally recognize the 173d ABCT, introduce new defined standards, and build unit cohesion and understanding within the ABCT.

Soldiers from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), were motivated about the transformation into a combat team.

“I like the idea. Downrange is where we’re supposed to be and, hopefully, this will get us there faster,” said Spc. Michael Hamstra, Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne).

E-day started off with a four-mile esprit-de-corps run around Warner Barracks, followed by a leader team-building football game.

The official ceremony was held at Summerall Field with all the commanding officers in the brigade in formation.

Paratroopers came up from Vicenza to see the event, and some Vietnam veterans of the

173d Airborne Brigade came from the states for the event.

“These guys will undergo the best training the Army has to provide,” said retired 1st Sgt. James L. Haynes, who was a private first class in Vietnam with Echo Troop, 17th Cavalry, 173d Airborne Brigade.

Haynes along with Gary Granade, and James Bradley (all three served with Haynes in Vietnam) were honored guests at the ceremony.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to be here today to witness the next generation of paratroopers carrying on our legacy,” said Haynes.

The 173d ABCT will be under going numerous training rotations over the next year to ensure paratroopers are fully trained for the mission at hand.

“I’m not sure of our future, but we have to be ready for anything,” said Preysler.

Lion Shake 07

Exercise set to test installation, Italian emergency response procedures



Mark Your Calendars

On Oct. 17, the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza will conduct an exercise known as Lion Shake. This exercise tests U.S. and Italian emergency response capabilities and procedures in responding to an incident on Caserma Ederle.

What does this mean?

◆ Installation and Italian emergency vehicles (police, fire and ambulances) will be on Caserma Ederle responding to an emergency scenario.

◆ Gates to the installation and surrounding areas (Lerino, Torri, Longare and Villaggio) may close temporarily – No access on or off during this time.

◆ Units, organizations and offices will practice *Shelter in Place* plans. If you are on Caserma Ederle you may become part of the exercise. You may be stuck in the PX, commissary, an office, or on the installation if you are on post during the time of the incident.

Bottom Line:

On Oct. 17, normal day-to-day operations will be disrupted while units and agencies respond to the emergency scenario in Lion Shake 07.

For more information on the Lion Shake Antiterrorism and Force Protection exercise, contact the USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office at 634-6363.



Tape a free holiday message for the folks back in the United States

A TV crew from the Army-Air Force Hometown News Service from Texas will visit Caserma Ederle Sept. 29 to tape Holiday Greetings.

This program offers personnel and their family members a great opportunity to bring some holiday cheer – from Italy – to family members back home. The messages will be aired at various times in the individual’s hometown during the holiday period, from after Thanksgiving through the New Year.

The team and a public affairs representative will be in front of the Ederle Theater at 8 a.m., and stay until all customers have been served.

Basic rules: All active duty military personnel, government employees, DoDDs teachers, and retirees are eligible and encouraged to participate. Service members must be in uniform.

Family members may participate without the sponsor only if the sponsor

is TDY or deployed.

Customers can do as many greetings as they wish, as long as those greetings are to family members (blood relations) in different cities in the States. Message to just friends, fiancés, former units, etc. are not permitted.

You will be filling out a short form before your greetings that will list the stations you want to send greetings to.

For details, call Dorothy Carlyle, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs, at 634-7988.



Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Oct. 1

By **Spc. Justin Nieto**
SETAF Public Affairs

The Combined Federal Campaign is set to begin here in Europe, and across America, Oct. 1, giving service members a chance to donate to a charity of their choice.

"The Combined Federal Campaign is the most successful fundraising model in the world, a strong American tradition and the most effective way to make a charitable contribution," said Sgt. Daniel Bregaglio, the community area project officer.

"I am in charge of the whole United States Army Garrison Vicenza and Livorno to include SETAF, 173d, and tenant units when it comes to collecting donations [either cash donations or payroll deductions]," said Bregaglio. "I also track and report the information on the CFC Europe website, providing material for all of the unit representatives and key persons, distributing the gifts to the unit representatives, ensuring 100 percent [of the community] is informed of the opportunity to give."

The CFC is the only authorized charitable solicitation of federal employees in the workplace, continued Bregaglio.

"Hearing the call to formalize charitable solicitation in the workplace, President John F. Kennedy signed an Executive Order to officially create the CFC," said Bregaglio. "Since its inception, the CFC has helped millions of people most in need and continues to support and promote philanthropy

through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective."

"We do a great job at meeting the goals of CFC. Last years goal was 100 percent solicitation and I believe we achieved that," said Bregaglio. "We also had the largest per capita donation out of all of the garrisons in Europe."

"The 2006 CFC-O is conducting a giveaway as part of this year's campaign. By completing a pledge card, whether you donate or not, you are eligible to win," said Bregaglio. "Winners will be randomly selected in March 2007 and notified by phone and/or in writing by the CFC-O."

First prize is a brand new Harley-Davidson Sportster.

Second prize consists of two airline tickets.

Third prize is a \$1,000 savings bond.

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Chosen company changes leadership



Capt. Matthew Myer (left) receives the Chosen Company guidon from Maj. Scott Himes (right), Battalion Executive Officer, during a change-of-command ceremony Sept. 18 in the company area. Chosen Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne) was formerly commanded by Capt. Ryan Shipley. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob Caldwell, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs)

Make your voice heard-Vote!

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Community Information

The Federal Voting Assistance Program office is ensuring all servicemembers and their families who wish to can vote. The program covers not only military personnel, but also DoD civilians and DoD contractors. Each unit has a voting assistance officer and they are the primary points of contact for servicemembers casting absentee ballots.

Voting assistance officers for Caserma Ederle are: Maj. Roy Salyer - Headquarters, SETAF (Primary), Sgt. Maj. Karen Kelly - Headquarters, SETAF (Alternate), 1st Lt. Andrew Stipp - 13th Military Police Company (Primary), 1st Lt. Chase Crabree - 13th MP Co (Alt), Capt. Robert Padgett - Headquarters Support Company, SETAF, Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Case - HSC, SETAF, 2nd Lt. Patrick Mireur - Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Chief Warrant Officer Eric Hooker - HHC 173rd ABCT, Staff Sgt. Robert Stone - HHC 173rd ABCT, Alex Palomo - U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, 634-7477 (Primary), and Richard Hendrickson, USAG Vicenza, 634-7752 (Alternate).

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC will be Sept. 27 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: There are tons of playgrounds in Villaggio for children to play. Some are designed for the older kids and others for the younger ones.

There is one playground close to where we live that is built for toddler use. It has the baby swings and a see-saw.

Everyday the teenagers take it over and

hang out. They won't move when little ones come around. They throw things all over the ground and have even broken the equipment on several occasions.

It's not the point of them hanging out there; it's just that every time they hang out at the playground, they leave it trashed with litter and such.

Recommendation: The military police need to patrol more on foot, especially at night, which they haven't done in almost a year. They do drive around, but the kids aren't in the streets; they hang out inbetween the houses where the parks are located.

Response from the Directorate of Emergency Services: The Military Police routinely conduct walking patrols on Villaggio and Caserma Ederle.

Our goal is to have each MP patrol spend 30 minutes conducting walking patrols out of every 90 minutes worked.

Unfortunately, there are times when other missions take precedence and eliminate our ability to conduct walking patrols as often as DES would like. The DES agrees with the writer in the sense that walking patrols are a key in community policing.

As an interesting piece of information, we have broken Villaggio into six areas and have identified where children are, generally, at any given time.

While we do not ignore the other zones, we tend to saturate the areas with children more than the other areas.

Traditionally when walking patrols are conducted on Villaggio, the MP patrols focus on areas that have been identified from previous incidents as areas where juveniles tend to congregate and unfortunately get into mischief.

Depending on the time of day (or evening) this can be the parks between the housing

units, the skate park, the area behind the swimming pool, or the basketball court next to the CYS building, etc.

That said, the MP office would appreciate any help the community can give by providing information. Our MPs are hard working men and women but cannot be everywhere all the time. Please report any conduct you think is an act of destruction to community equipment, juveniles who are acting in a disrespectful manner or any behavior which endangers the health or safety of anyone.

In this specific CAC, the writer should contact the MP Desk Sergeant, or any patrol he or she sees, when he or she feels teenagers are being destructive or disrespectful.

We respond to all such calls as maintaining a safe community is very important to us. Please contact the MP Desk Sergeant at 634-7626 to report such acts or the PMO Operations Section at 634-7248 to voice your concerns.

Issue: Why have the late movie show times been cut at the Vicenza cinema?

Before the deployment there were late movies every weekend which gave a viable option to the bars. Now the latest movies on the weekend are at 7 p.m. It appears once a month they have a 9 p.m. showing.

Recommendation: My Soldiers and I would appreciate a late night showtime every Friday and Saturday night at 9, 10 or 11 p.m.

Response from AAFES: The start of the movie is determined by the length of the previous movie showing at 7 p.m.

In July, our late night movies began at 9:30, 9:45 and 10 p.m. The inconsistency of late movie showings every Friday and Saturday is due to movie availability.

Until the end of October, we will show late movies every Friday night, with show times

varying from 9:30 to 10 p.m.

Our theater has a seating capacity of 425 and we average 48 customers on our late night movies. We need your and our community's patronage to continue to show late night movies.

Discussion: The ITR office is bad about getting their schedule of events out. This makes it very hard to plan trips with them. I was also very disappointed to see that our MWR website is not being updated by many of our organizations such as the ITR office and the art center. This is a quick and easy way to check schedules and plan events but they are not being utilized by many of our facilities on post.

Recommendation: I have not worked in the ITR office so I don't know their procedures, but I am sure they could come up with a schedule of events a month in advance. I would also love to see schedules posted on our website.

Response from the Directorate of MWR: ITR released quarterly calendars to the community Sept.15. We did release our August and September calendar July 15.

The ITR calendar is posted at the ITR Office, outside of their facility and at all other MWR venues (i.e. Club V bulletin board, etc.). In addition, the ITR schedule is posted on the MWR webpage, the upcoming month of trips is printed in each edition of the HomeFront News and featured trips are announced in the MWR Weekly Highlights.

The CAC has changed its start time! The next CAC will be hosted at the Ederle Theater on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

Safety countermeasures

AAFES dispenses fuel pump safety

AAFES
Press Release

A military service member goes to the gas pump to fill two five-gallon containers, puts them in the trunk while running errands.

After parking at the Ft. Leonard Wood hospital, the car burst into flames. By the time the fire and smoke cleared from the June 5 explosion, 10 vehicles were destroyed.

"The Ft. Leonard Wood Fire Department suspects the fire most likely started when an electrical spark from the tail or brake light ignited fumes that accumulated in the hot enclosed trunk," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Health and Safety Manager Mike Myers. "It was a miracle no one was fatally injured."

With 269 gas stations worldwide serving 11.6 million customers, AAFES has a vested interest in educating military families on the dangers of careless gasoline use.

The American Petroleum Institute recommends the following precautionary measures for storing and transporting gasoline:

- Store at room temperature, away from potential heat sources such as the sun.
- Keep appliance pilot lights or igniters more than 50 ft from stored gasoline.
- For better ventilation, handle gasoline outdoors.

In addition, Myers recommends keeping gasoline containers tightly closed and not

storing them in the trunk for a prolonged period of time.

Transporting and storing gasoline is not the only potential hazardous situation. A separate but equally important issue is static electricity.

Additional refueling and fuel safety guidelines include:

- Turning off the vehicle engine while refueling.
- Putting the vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Disabling or turning off any auxiliary sources of ignition such as a camper or trailer heater, cooking units or pilot lights.
- Not smoking, lighting matches or lighters at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else.

- Using only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jamming the refueling latch on the nozzle open.

- Not re-entering the vehicle while refueling.

- When dispensing gasoline into a container, using only approved portable containers and *placing them on the ground* to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors.

Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

- When filling a portable container, manually controlling the nozzle valve throughout the filling process.

- Filling container no more than 95 percent full to allow for expansion.

AFSB-Livorno now called 3d Bn, 405 AFS Bde

Story and photo
by Sgt. Christopher Meadows
AFN Livorno

With the army currently in a transformation phase, many units like the Army Field Support Battalion-Livorno are affected.

The AFSB-Livorno holds an important job within the army. They help warfighters complete missions throughout Europe and southwest Asia by providing superior logistics and materiel support.

Part of what they do is repair and restore equipment that returns from downrange missions from such units as the 173d Airborne Brigade and SETAF's recent deployment to Afghanistan.

The battalion recently retired their colors - only to unfurl new colors moments later and be redesignated as the 3d Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade.

"The army is constantly changing, and this is our part of the transformation," said Lt. Col. Harvey Robinson, AFSB-Livorno commander. "Even



Col. Bobby Ray Pinkston, 405th Army Field Support Battalion commander, passes the battalion's colors to Lt. Col. Harvey Robinson, AFSB-Livorno commander, during a redesignation ceremony held Sept. 15 in Livorno, Italy.

though the unit designation changed, we're still the same battalion, but with increased responsibilities."

"It also acknowledges the expanding role of the battalion here, not only to support the depot here in Livorno, but also its support to the 173d Airborne Brigade and SETAF," said Col. Bobby Ray

Pinkston, 405th AFSB, commander.

The redesignation came by verbal order of Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, commander of the Army Field Support Command, Rock Island, Ill., which will soon be redesignated as the Army Sustainment Command.

Yard of the Month winners for August



Congratulations to the Yard of the Month awardee for August, Sgt. Ashley Webb, U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza. Webb, along with the first and second runners up received cash awards from the post exchange and commissary, along with Certificates of Appreciation. Other awardees are:



Second place went to Maj. Samuel Williams, Headquarters SETAF.



Third place went to Chief Warrant Officer Paul Arthur, 262 Military Police Detachment.



Honorable mention to Spc. Robert Bowyer, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team.



Honorable mention to Sgt. Christopher Sterling, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.



Honorable mention to Staff Sgt. Caleb Branch, HHC, 1st Brigade, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d ABCT.

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Learning the language of the land Army Community Service offers Italian language classes for spouses

Story and photos by Spc. Justin Nieto
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A little nervous about moving to Italy? How about going out and interacting with the locals?

It can be a little overwhelming at first, but there is an option available to spouses to help them overcome a big



Daniela Morandi (left), ACS Italian as a second language instructor, uses maps to show her students where cities are in respect to Vicenza. The goal is to make them feel more comfortable about traveling and visiting places in Italy.

obstacle to many people new to Italy, or any foreign country; the language barrier.

"I have been teaching this class here for about five years," said Daniela Morandi, the Italian language instructor for the three-month course. "And it is very rewarding because the students really want to learn, so that makes for a great environment for a teacher."

The classes are held twice a week, two hours each day, and are taught straight out of a classroom in Davis Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.

"This course is a must for spouses new to a tour in Italy," said Jolly Miller, program manager with ACS. "We teach not only the language, but the cultural aspect of the Italian people as well. That way, the students can better appreciate the country and its people."

Morandi said that, although the course is only three months and is not very long to learn an entire language, the students come out much more comfortable speaking the language and their new surroundings.

"I always come in and let them know about the local



Daniela Morandi (right), ACS Italian as a second language instructor, passes out maps to her students, who are taking the free three-month class.

events," said Morandi. "And toward the end of the course, they start to go out to these places and events, which means they are much more comfortable with the language."

The next course begins Dec. 11 and lasts until March 15. The course after that begins March 19 and lasts until June 11. The last class of the fiscal year begins June 18 and ends Aug. 30.

For more information, call Jolly Miller, ACS, at 634-8528, 0444-71-8528 from off post.

Cougars give it their all, but can't hold back Wurzburg Wolves

Story and photo by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

No body said Saturday's Vicenza High School's Cougars first home game of the season would be an easy one.

After all, Wurzburg was known as a powerhouse team, moving down a notch from being a Division I team, while the Vicenza Cougars were moving up from Division III to Division II.

Still, it was hard to see the Cougars give it their all, trailing just a bit to give their fans a glimmer of hope, as they walked off the field at half time with a score of 36-28.

But the fast and furious legs of Wurzburg's #6, Donald Bryant were just too

much for the black and gold as they fell to the Wolves 80-48.

Cougar's #5, Xavier Taylor, who scrambled, raced and clawed his way across the North 40, and with help from his defense, made five catches for 163 yards – three of which resulted in touchdowns.

Taylor's efforts were given a boost by Jereil McNealy, Cougars' #25, who led Vicenza with 163 yards on 26 carries, scoring twice.

The next Cougar game will be Sept. 30 where they face the Naples team, who are fresh off at shut-out against Mannheim.

Cougar Homecoming game is Oct. 7 when the Cougars take on Baumholder. The community is encouraged to come out and support the team.



A Vicenza High Schools Cougar player is all alone on the North 40 as he makes run for one of his three touchdowns, bringing the score tantalizingly close - 28-36 at half time - in the game against the Wurzburg Wolves. Unfortunately, Wurzburg's tornado, in the form of #6, Donald Bryant, who made eight touchdowns, brought a halt to the Cougar's hopes for a win. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Bahr)

At right, Cougars #25, Jereil McNealy, tackles Wurzburg's #27, Brandon Bryant, stopping a possible touchdown in the second quarter of Saturday's game. McNealy led the Cougars with 163 yards on 26 carries and scored two touchdowns.



Festa Italia Bazaar



A couple look over the display of silver items at the annual Festa Italia Bazaar Saturday. The bazaar is sponsored by the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club and is one of their biggest fundraisers of the year.

More than 60 vendors spread their goods out between the Luna Bubble, Teen Center and fitness center gym, selling everything from furniture to leather handbags to food. Below: The Buffington family (left) check out a display of pewter and silver military figures in the Teen Center. Proceeds raised by the bazaar are donated back to the community in the form of donations to other non-profit organizations and scholarships. (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



Isolation is key to success

Story and photo
By Sgt. Brandon Aird
173d ABCT Public Affairs

Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), practiced urban tactics in Bamberg, Germany the week of Sept. 13.

The Soldiers spent most of the week at the site training on isolating, scaling and clearing buildings.

“Once we isolate the building, the enemy can’t go any where,” said Capt. Jason Pieri, commander of Charlie Troop. “We could sit there and eat Twinkies all day long because we own them.”

The Cavalry Troops of 1-91 Cav have a unique advantage over 1st and 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne) Soldiers – they draw upon skills of both cavalry men and infantry men.

The expertise of mounted scouting operations, in conjunction with the skills of dismounted operations in urban terrain, combine to make a highly-mobile and agile force.

The week’s training was part of ongoing training that will be tested during a future training exercise at the Joint Maneuver Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

“This is what we live for,” said Spc. Michael Hamstra, a Soldier with Charlie Troop. “We practice every position, rotating spots, and going over clearing procedures until it comes naturally.”

Every Soldier in Charlie Troop is going through the training. This ensures everyone



Spc. Michael Hamstra (left), Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), and other members of his team run to isolate a room during urban skills training conducted in Bamberg, Germany Sept. 14.

in the troop is trained in urban movement tactics.

“I joined the Army as a mortarman and it’s awesome to do infantry stuff, ‘cause that’s what I want to do,” said Pvt. 1st Class James McGee, who’s been in Charlie Troop since October. “This training is all about doing it over and over again – practice makes perfect.”

Charlie Troop mixed things up every step of the way, and even had privates leading some of the urban tactic movements.

“We didn’t rehearse the movements – I just gave FRAGOs (fragmentary order) to the

privates, stepped back and watched them carry out the mission,” said 1st Sgt. Nuuese Passi, first sergeant of Charlie Troop.

While still out training on Sept. 14, Charlie Troop got a visit from Vietnam veterans, James L. Haynes, Gary Granade and James Bradley, who were in Echo Troop, 17th Cavalry, 173d Airborne Brigade.

Charlie Troop got a chance to show off their skills to the veterans by clearing rooms and scaling two-story buildings using only their hands and each other.

“It was a tremendous honor to see these Soldiers,” said Haynes. “I wish I could have gotten this kind of training back before I went to Vietnam, but that was a whole different time.”

For now, Charlie Troop is continually training for upcoming operations.

“The training is a never-ending mission,” explained Pieri. “I even have a spouse [a Soldier in the troop has a wife fluent in Arabic] who comes in and teaches my company Arabic three hours, one day a week.”

Leaders prepare to shoot big guns

Story and photo
By Sgt. Brandon Aird
173d ABCT Public Affairs

Paratroopers from 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery conducted a battalion-wide leadership certification to ensure leaders are qualified to conduct live-fire exercises in future operations.

“It’s the “big three” certification with M-2 A-2 aiming circle,” said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Hamilton, Bravo Company’s first sergeant.

Platoon leaders, gunnery sergeants and platoon sergeants make up the “big three.” The primary responsibility of the big three is to lay in the howitzer.

“The leaders have to ensure the cannon is pointing in the right direction,” said 1st Lt. Harstan Krieger, a platoon leader in Alpha Battery.

The battalion standard is to complete the mission in six minutes. In other words, when the vehicle pulls up to a firing location, the first round is going down range within six minutes.

Where the leaders’ certification falls into place is when the gun crew sets up for a fire mission: the leader checks and double checks the azimuth of fire to ensure first round accuracy.

“This eliminates

mechanical and human error,” Hamilton explained.

Artillery is all about putting rounds down range in an accurate, fool proof manner.

“Soldiers lives depend on our accuracy,” Krieger said. “We can’t afford a single stray round.”



1st Lt. Harstab Krieger, Alpha Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery, adjusts a M-2 A-2 aiming circle during leadership certification held in Bamberg, Germany Sept. 14.

1-91Cav spouses train like troopers



The spouses of 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Headquarters and Headquarters and Forward Support Troops partnered up and flexed for the camera during the Spouse’s Spur Ride Sept. 9 on Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany. The spur ride gave spouses an opportunity to do some of the training their troopers go through. They threw hand grenades and practiced their marksmanship and had fun building team spirit and unit pride. (Photo by Capt. Jay Vendenbos, 1-91 Cav)

4-319th Family Day fun for all

At right, Pvt. Freddy Tiscareno, with Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery, throws a football while an opposing player tries to stop him during a Family Day game in Bamberg, Germany. (Photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173d ABCT Public Affairs)



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Events in Vicenza and province

More than 65 posters by American artist Paul Davis are on show on the ground floor of the *Basilica Palladiana* from Sept. 29 through Nov. 5.

Open Tuesday-Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and 3-7 p.m. Closed Mondays, entrance is free.

Distilleries open: Grappa distilleries will be open for a visit Oct. 1-8 in the following towns: Ponte di Barbarano find Dal Toso Rino; in Montegaldà - F.lli Brunello; in Villaga - Li.dia; in Schiavon – Poli and, in Costabissara the Schiavo distillery.

Open weekdays from 2-6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Paintings by Italian artist Giacomo Alberto Caregnato are on display in the *Saints Ambrogio e Bellino* church in Vicenza. The exhibit ends Oct. 1.

Hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 3-7 p.m., free entrance.

Other: in the Verona Arena, Bruce Springsteen will perform Oct. 5. Tickets cost from 57.50 to 97.75 euro.

Renaissance market

Mark your calendar to visit a renaissance market in the town of Thiene Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Events start in the afternoon hours Sept. 30 when you will be taken back to the 15th century and walk among bourgeois, nobles, sellers, buyers, peasants, artisans, minstrels and common people.

On Oct. 1 there will be 12,500 square miles of commercial surface with 150 stalls and activities. That afternoon see more than 1,200 people in the renaissance costumes.

In the gardens of *Villa Fabris*, a medieval military camp will be set up to visit. Entrance is free. Thiene is 19 km northwest of Vicenza.

Cod and rice festivals

The town of Sandrigò, 15 km north of Vicenza, is holding its annual “*Festa del Baccalà’ Vicentina*” the popular codfish preparation in the Veneto region.

The celebration also pays homage to Norway, whose waters provide codfish and to whom the baccalà’ dish is attributed.

The ‘fest’ starts on the evening of Sept. 30 and ends on the evening of Oct. 1 at 10:30 p.m. with a firework display. The program will feature the chance to stop at food booths, in the evening, and taste dishes

made with baccalà’, the traditional codfish dish which last year saw more than 15,000 plates served.

Sept. 30, food stands open at 6 p.m. Oct. 1, food stands open at 11 a.m.

According the sponsoring organization, the fish dishes that are served will be cooked from a traditional recipe, which consists of having the cod floured, cooked in a terracotta pot along with sautéed onion, parsley, anchovies, milk, grana, salt, pepper and oil and is cooked on a low flame for over four hours.

In Vicentino dialect, locals say to cook the fish this way is to let it ‘pipare.’ The fish is served with hot polenta.

Rice festival - The 40th Rice Festival in the town of *Isola della Scala*, province of Verona, ends Oct. 10.

During the week and Saturday, the food tents, which hold 5,000 people, are open from noon-2 p.m. and 6:30-midnight, Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.. On Sundays: noon-midnight.

Last year, during the same period more than 280,000 dishes were served.

There will also be a market selling packages of rice, *Riso Vialone Nano Veronese* which is grown in the area.

Directions for Isola della Scale: Take the A4 west toward Milano, exit at Verona Sud (south), follow signs for Modena – SS-12 the town is located 18km from the autostrada exit.

Parma: Calling all collectors

The autumn edition of Parma’s important fair dedicated to collectors of all genres, tastes, and interests will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 8.

Called “*Mercanteinfiera Autunno*,” it offers more than a 1,000 exhibitors, divided into sections dedicated to furniture, china, books, jewelry, silver, memorabilia, toys, etc., in what the organizers describe as a veritable “magic chest” of collectable items.

The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Entrance fee is 9,50 euro.

Parma is 148 km south of . Directions from Vicenza: Take the A4 autostrada west toward Milano, get on the A22 autostrada south, exit at Mantova Nord. Take SS482 and SS10 in the direction of Mantova, then SS420, SS343

direction Colorno and the SS343 to Parma.

Relay race

Mark your calendar for Oct. 8 to get your running shoes on and participate in a relay race that will take you round *Lago di Fimon*, (Lake Fimon). The event is organized by the Alpini Sports Group in collaboration with the Arcugnano townhall.

The race ‘In Memory of Gino Rosin’ is a rely raced divided into three parts: each person runs 4,2 km. You can go by yourself and you will be put into a team, or take two of your friends with you to form a team.

Meeting place at the *Piazzale*, (Square) at the lake at 8:30 a.m. with a start time of 9:30 a.m.

The different team categories are: Men with a total of age of 110 years; between 111-150 years; and the over 151 years.

There is only one category for females in other words young and old alike form a team.

The cost of the relay is 15 euro for each team. There will be a T-shirt and a souvenir of the race for each participant.

For details, call Martino at 0444-530-261, English is spoken.

Upcoming marathons

The 21st Venice marathon which is flat and basically downhill takes place Oct. 22 with a start time of 9:20 a.m. in the town of Stra, province of Venice.

The marathon takes runners along the River Brenta in front of the Palladian Villas of the area.

The runners arrive in Venice via the ‘Liberty Bridge,’ which links the mainland to the city.

After crossing a floating bridge 400 feet long over the Grand Canal which leads to St. Mark’s Square, runners reach the *Riva dei Sette Martiri* where the finishing line is located.

Details about participating and booking online can be found at www.venicemarathon.it

If you can’t make the Venice marathon, the Verona marathon takes place Oct. 29 with a start point of *Piazza Bra*.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Sept. 26	CLOSED	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	My Super Ex-Girlfrend (PG13)	7 p.m.
Wednesday is Family Night! 10% off popcorn/soda for two adults and two children		
Sept. 28	Clerks II (R)	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	John Tucker Must Die (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Idiocracy (R)	9:45 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lady in the Water (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Invincible (PG)	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Idiocracy (R)	10 p.m.
Oct. 2	CLOSED	
Oct. 3	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 29	Talladega Nights (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	Invincible (PG)	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	Barnyard (PG)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

INVINCIBLE - *Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear.* When the coach of Vince Papale’s beloved hometown football team hosted an unprecedented open tryout, the public consensus was that it was a waste of time – no one good enough to play professional football was going to be found this way. Certainly no one like Papale – a down-on-his-luck, 30 year old, substitute teacher and part-time bartender who never even played college football. But against these odds, Papale made the team and soon found himself living every fan’s fantasy – moving from his cheap seats in the upper deck to standing on the field as a professional football player.

CLERKS II - *Brian Christopher O’Halloran, Jeff Anderson.* Ten years ago best friends Dante Hicks and Randal Graves were New Jersey mini-mall clerks still slacking off together in their early 20s. Now working in the fast-food universe, Dante and Randal have managed to maintain, and even hone, their in-your-face attitudes, agile skill with vulgarities and unbridled love of screwing the customers.

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND - *Luke Wilson, Uma Thurman.* Everyone’s had a painful parting of the ways with a romantic partner. We pick up the pieces and move on. But for one New York guy, it’s not so easy. When he breaks up with his girlfriend, he discovers his ex is actually the reluctant superhero, G-Girl. A scorned woman, she unleashes her super powers to humiliate and torment him.

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE - *Jesse Metcalfe, Sophia Bush.* When three popular girls from different cliques discover they’ve all been dating the school stud, they band together to seek revenge. Despite the jerk’s charm and ever-growing popularity, the girls cleverly scheme with the help of the inconspicuous new girl in town, to soil his reputation and break his heart.

LADY IN THE WATER - *Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard.* Cleveland Heep, a modest building manager, rescues a mysterious young woman from danger and discovers she is actually a narf—a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the treacherous journey from our world back to hers. Cleveland and his fellow tenants start to realize that they are also characters in this bedtime story.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Time off to get fit!

USAG Vicenza Health Promotions Office

IAW AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, DA civilians may be authorized up to three hours of work time per week for six months. Supervisor approval is required to enroll.

Enrollment and fitness assessments will be held at the following times and locations:

In Vicenza, enrollments and fitness assessments will be held Sept. 27 in the fitness center’s racquetball court #3, from noon-4 p.m.

In Livorno, enrollment and fitness assessment will be held Sept. 29 in the fitness center from 9 a.m.- noon.

For an appointment, or more details, call the Health Promotion Office at 634-8828, or e-mail: health@setaf.army.mil.

If you’re looking for a way to lose a few pounds, free Weight Control classes are held Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. in the Vicenza Health Clinic, classroom 26.

We focus on nutrition, habit changing techniques and more.

Market Mania

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Most people inprocessing on Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby attend Headstart classes, which are designed to give basic information about customs and courtesies in Italy. The highlight of this class usually includes a trip to the Vicenza market held on Thursdays.

For many Americans, this may be the first time visiting a Farmer's Market and discovering the array of cheeses, meats, fruits, and clothing for sale.

But if you're tired of seeing the same vendors offering the same food and clothing, below is a list of local towns that have their own markets.

If you don't own a good map of the Veneto region, consider using Mapquest, or another Internet mapping source for directions.

Note that most markets are only held in the mornings and close by 1 p.m. Towns marked with an asterisk also hold a specialty market, which is listed last.

Mondays

Cittadella (west of Treviso)

Peschiera del Garda (west of Verona)

Tuesdays

*Padova (near Piazzale Azzurri d'Italia)

*Soave (west of Verona)

*Marostica (north of Vicenza)

Wednesdays

Abano Terme (south of Padova)

Cologna Veneta (southwest of Vicenza)

Recoaro Terme (northwest of Vicenza)

Thursdays

Montagnana (south of Vicenza)

Bardolino (west of Verona)

*Vicenza (along Piazza dei Signori)

Bassano del Grappa (northeast of Vicenza)

Fridays

Piazzola sul Brenta (east of Vicenza)

Sommacampagna (west of Verona)

Montebelluna Maggiore (west of Vicenza)

Saturdays

Belluno - Piazza Piloni Selva di Cadore
Cadoneghe, localita Castagnara (near Padova)

Asolo (near Treviso)

Caorle (near Venice)

Quarto d'Altino (near Venice)

Valeggio sul Mincio (near Verona)

Asiago (near Vicenza)

Sundays

Camisano, along the main street

Solesino (near Padova)

Crespano sul Grappa (Treviso)

Sant'Ambrogio di Valpolicella (near Verona)

Cartigliano (near Vicenza)



Above are some items for sale at the monthly antique market held in Vicenza on the second Sunday of the month.

Speciality markets

Specialty markets, usually consisting of antiques and household items, are often held on weekends and could be combined with a visit to other interesting areas.

Vicenza: Second Sunday of the month, the squares downtown fill with antiques and bric-a-brac.

Montagnana: In Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, third weekend of the month (except July and August). This is a great market for travelers, first because it is held in an picturesque castle and, second, because most of the 60 vendors sell small, economical objects which make perfect souvenirs and gifts.

Asolo: In the town center the second Sunday and previous Saturday of the month, (except July and August). Clocks, jewelry and antique rugs shine here.

Brugine (southeast of Padova): The first Sunday of the month along via Roma.

Piazzola sul Brenta - Last Sunday of the month on the grounds of Villa Contradini. This is a huge market that extends along side streets adjoining the villa. Parking is provided in the church parking lot for a small fee.

Padova - Along Prato della Valle, third Sunday of the month.

Este - In Piazza Maggiore, held the third Sunday of the month.

Treviso - Along Borgo Cavour, on the fourth Sunday of the month. Oct. 1 is a special event, "Autunno in Borgo: Mercantini dell'Artigianato" (Handicrafted items).

Verona - In Piazza San Zeno, on the third Sunday of the month.

Marostica - In Piazza Castello, first Sunday of the month.



Book collectors search for treasures at this market held in Marostica the first Sunday of the month. Below right: Handmade necklaces are for sale at the monthly market in Treviso the fourth Sunday of the month. Below left: A seller has snagged a prime spot for his wares at the Treviso.

